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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINS MOPS ZA RH
SUBJECT: MP MINE INCIDENT

REF: (A) LUSAKA 449 (B) LUSAKA 0439

1. SOUTHERN PROVINCE MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE,
STEPHEN SIKOMBE, ON FEBRUARY 16 DENIED CLAIMS BY MP
MAXWELL EQANI THAT THE LAND MINE WHICH INJURED HIM WAS
PLANTED BY POLITICAL OPPONENTS (REF A). SILOMBE SAID
THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THE MINE WAS THE WORK OF "SMITH'S
AGENTS". HE SAID THIS WAS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT A
DAY AFTER THE BEYANI INCIDENT (REF B), TWO PEOPLE WERE
KILLED AND ANOTHER SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN THEIR VEHICLE
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HIT A LAND MINE ALONG THE SAME STRETCH OF ROAD.
FYI: THIS IS THE ONLY PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THE LATTER
INCIDENT. END FYI. SIKOMBE ALSO REFUTED STORIES WHICH
APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN CIRCULATING THAT THE MINES MAY
ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN PLANTED BY "FREEDOM FIGHTERS"

2.COMMENT: AS NOTED BEFORE, FEW ARE LIKELY TO BELIEVE

BEYANT'S CLAIM THA IT WAS HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES WHOPLANTED
THE LAND MINES. PUBLIC OPINION NOW SEEMS
TO BE SOMEWHAT DIVED OVER WHETHER IT WAS SMITH'S FORCES
OR ZAPU'S WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH INCIDENOS.
IT IS INTERISTING THAT SUCH A DEBATE WOULD BE CARRIED
ON IN PUBLIC. STATEMENTS OF
IMPLIED OR DIRECT CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT HAVE COME FROM
MANY QUARTERS. THE PRESIDENT HAS REMAINED SILENT ON THE ISSUE.
ONE GETS NO IMPRESSION OF FIRM LEADERSHIP OR DIRECTION AT
MOMENT. LOW

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